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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

The Honorable Richard A. Jones

State of Washington,

Plaintiff,

v.

Gary Leon Ridgway,

Defendant.

No. 01-1-10270-9 SEA

ORDER ON
MEDIA COVERAGE

The following Order applies to all future Superior Court proceedings in the above-captioned cause of action. The purpose of this Order is to provide the parties a fair trial, to preserve the dignity of these proceedings, and to allow the media reasonable access.

- 1) For purposes of this Order and any other Orders regarding media coverage, "camera" includes still cameras, television cameras and video recording devices. "Television camera" includes video cameras and all other video or moving picture recording devices. "Photograph" included still photography, televising, and videotaping.

- 2) One television camera will be allowed in the Courtroom on a first come, first served basis. The Courtroom television camera will be a "pool" camera and shall share its video feed with media requesting the same. The television camera shall be on a tripod in a fixed location approved by the Court. Any necessary cables shall run through the Courtroom and Courthouse hallways in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of the Courtroom or the Courthouse.
- 3) One still camera will be allowed in the Courtroom on a first come, first served basis. The Courtroom still camera will be a "pool" camera and shall share its pictures with media requesting the same. The still camera shall be on a tripod in a fixed location approved by the Court.
- 4) "Pooling" arrangements for cameras and other equipment are the sole responsibility of the media. In the absence of media agreement on disputed equipment or personnel issues, the Court may exclude all contesting media from a proceeding in this matter.
- 5) No camera or recording device shall be permitted in the Courtroom without the express permission of the Court.

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3 6) Camera and recording device operators must be representatives of
4 the media who have obtained the permission of the Court.

5 Camera and recording device operators must be familiar with the
6 published Bench-Bar-Press Guidelines and with the contents of
7 this Order, and shall abide by such Guidelines and Order.
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9 7) If a particular witness or participant wishes not to be
10 photographed, the attorneys will bring that to the attention of the
11 Court. If the court determines that a witness or participant should
12 not be photographed in the Courtroom, camera operators shall
13 abide by the Court's direction. Otherwise, camera operators will
14 be free to photograph anyone who participates in the trial, subject
15 to the other requirements of this Order.
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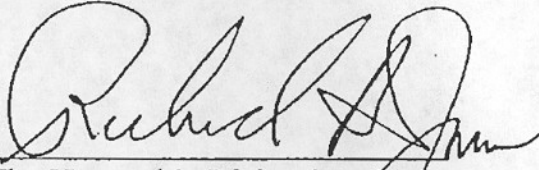
18 8) Cellular phones and pagers shall be turned off in the Courtroom.
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20 9) No camera shall focus on the papers, exhibits, or other documents
21 of counsel in such a manner that the contents of these materials
22 can be read or otherwise discerned by the viewer. This restriction
23 does not apply to documents displayed in open Court while Court
24 is in session.
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- 10) Sidebar conferences shall not be recorded or photographed.
- 11) No flashbulbs, strobe lights, or other artificial lights shall be used anywhere in the Courtroom.
- 12) One audio system for radio broadcast purposes will be allowed in the Courtroom on a first come, first served basis. The Courtroom audio systems will be a "pool" system and shall share its recordings with media requesting the same. The audio system shall be in a fixed location approved by the Court. Any necessary cables shall run through the Courtroom and Courthouse hallways in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of the Courtroom or the Courthouse.
- 13) Television equipment, audio equipment, and tripod-mounted cameras shall not be placed in or removed while Court is in session.
- 14) Any camera, radio, or recording equipment that is permitted in the Courtroom shall operate only while the Court is in session.

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- 3 15) Media representatives are expected to present a neat appearance in
- 4 keeping with the dignity of the Court and to be sufficiently
- 5 familiar with the Court proceedings to conduct themselves so as
- 6 not to interfere with the proceedings, or to distract counsel,
- 7 witnesses, jurors, or the Court.
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- 10 16) Coverage of the proceedings shall be subject to the continuing
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Dated this 4th day of April, 2002.


The Honorable Richard A. Jones